reeling areas. Efforts are being intensified to transfer these technologes to the States with the help of the State Departments of Sericulture. To meet the demand for warp quality mulberry silk imports have been facilitated. The Ninth Plan envisages an increase in the production of mulberry raw silk by 6000 tonnes and 540 tonnes of non-mulberry silk through research & development, transfer of technology, seed support and assistance to States. Apart from the north East Action Plan and the Poorvanchal Sericulture Project which are continuing from the VIIIth Plan, the Govt. of India has sanctioned implementation of 36 Catalytic Development Schemes during IXth Plan, Besides, the States of Madhya Pradesh and Manipur have undertaken implementation of the Project with financial assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan in respect of tasar and mulberry sericulture respectively. The project in Madhya Pradesh envisages development of 4000 hectares of tasar food plants and increased production of 75 tonnes of tasar raw silk per annum after the project period. The project in Manipur aims at increased production of 60 tonnes of mulberry raw silk per annum after the project period. The Govt. fo Uttar Pradesh under the Diversified Agricultural Project has envisaged a 750 tonnes per year increase in silk production with World Bank assistance. Besides, the Central Silk Board, has prepared an integrated Project for Muga and Eri. In addition development programmes for non-mulberry silk will be taken up with UNDP assistance from 1999-2000 under the Fibres and Handicrafts Programme.

Impact of price cut by Bangladesh on Indian jute exports

1705. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minsiter of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India is losing ground in the global jute market due to price cutting by Bangladesh jute mills;

(b) if so, whether Government plan to give extra subsidy for export of jute goods; and

(c) if not, how Government plan to help increase the export of jute goods?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is already implementing an External Market Assistance Scheme (EMA), under which assistance at specified rates is provided for export of certain categories of jute goods. The scheme is reviewed from time to time to make it more rational and effective. The number of products eligible under EMA scheme has been increased from three to eight in the last two years.

(c) Does not arise.

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PROCLAMATION UNDER ARTICLE 356 OF THE CONSTITUTION IN RELATION TO STATE OF BIHAR

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Before the hon. Home Minister lays a copy of the Proclamation in connection with the revocation of President's Rule in Bihar, under clause (2) of article 356 on the Table of the House, my most respectful submission, through you, to the Government would be that the Presidential Proclamation was revoked on 8th night. We were informed by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs that the Cabinet had decided that the formalities were to be complied with, after the President's return from outside. One can understand that the decision was taken in the evening, when Parliament was not in Session. But yesterday, we sat for the whole day. Neither of the House was informed officially by the Government that the earlier Presidential Proclamation has been revoked by another Proclamation. this is just a constitutional requirement and no heavy homework is called for. I do not understand why the Government did not inform the House, the Parliament. Even when we were in Session, neighter of the House was informed. At least, this House was not informed. I was sitting here from 11 o'clock till the adjournment of the House. None of the representatives of the Government came and told us that the Presidential Proclamation has been withdrawn. Everything is being taken casually, and this is highly objectionable. Particularly, the Union Home Minister, who was the Leader of this

House at one point of time, should have understood the sensitivity of the Members of parliament. Why was one day simply allowed to be wasted, for no reason? I don't understand that. The Minister, before he lays a copy of the Proclamation, should apologise for the delay of even one day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is right.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I fully share the sentiments expressed by Shri Pranab Mukherjee. This is one other instance where Parliament is being by passed. Parliament was in session when the Proclamation was issued. But the Proclamation was not tabled in the House. It has been discussed...(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: That point has already been made. Now.

Mr. Advani.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) Mr. Chairman, Sir, this is in fulfilment of an obligation under the Constitution. It is true that the decision was taken by the Cabinet the day-before-yesterday and it was immediately communicated to this House as well as to the other House that this is the decision that we have taken and we would go through the formalities after the President returns.

The hon. Member is correct when he says that the President returned the day-before-Yesterday evening, and it was possible to lay it on the Table yesterday itself. But no disrespect is meant to the Hosue when I come here after that one day because all the necessary formalities, not only in respect of the revocation, but the consequences of the revocation insofar as setting up a new Government in Bihar....(*Interruptions*). Obviously, the House is not happy with the Bihar Government coming back. After all those formalities have been completed, I have come to this House to lay it. It is true that I could have come yesterday itself. But I thought, the formalities should be completed first.

Sir, with your permission, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Proclamation (G.S.R. No. 198(E), issued by the President under clause (2) of article 356 of the Constitution on the 8th March, 1999, revoking the Proclamation made by him on the 12th February, 1999, in relation to the State of Bihar under clause (3) of the said article.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2524/99]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications and Special Orders of Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I lay on the Table--

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs notification S.O. 37(E), dated 27 1.99 publishing the Foreign contribution (Acceptance or Retention of Gifts or Presentations) Amendment Regulations, 1999, under sub section (3) of section 30 of the Foreign Contribution on (Regulation) Act, 1976. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2500/99]

II. A copy of (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs notification G.S.R. 254, dated 26.12.98 publishing the National Security Guard (Group 'C' Posts) Recuritment (Amendment) Rules, 1998, under sub-section (3) of section 139 of the National Security Guard Act, 1985. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2502/99]

III. A copy of (in English and Hindi) of the following special orders of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Governors (Emoluments, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1982:--

(i) Special order No. 5/2/96-M&G dated 22.1.99 issued in respect of Governor of Tamil Nadu sanctioning additional funds under Schedule II to the Governors (Allowances and Privileges) Rules, 1987 for the financial year 1995-96.

(ii) Special order No. 5/1/96-M&G dated 22.1.99 issued in respect of Governor of Tamil Nadu sanctioning additional funds under Schedule II to the Governors (allowances and Privileges) Rules, 1987 for the financial year 1996-97. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2501/99]

IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (3) of section 40 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993:—

(i) G.S.R.(E), dated 10.2.99 publishing the National Human Rights Commission (Group 'A' and Group 'B' Posts) Recruitment (Second Amendment) Rules, 1998.

(ii) G.S.R. 83(E), dated 10.2.99 publishing the National Human Rights Commission (Group 'C' and Group 'D' Posts) Recruitment Amendment) Rules, 1998. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2665/9).

I. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Notification of Ministry of Power.

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGLAM): Sir, On behalf of SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2456/99).

II. I also lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 27A of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Power, notification G.S.R. 1133(E), dated 31.12.98 specifying Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. as the Central transmission utility. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2644/99).

I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Jute Manufactures Corporation Ltd., Calcutta and related papers.

II. Reports and Accounts (1997-98) of different Textile Export Promotion Councils, and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of Wood and Woollens Export Promotion Council, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:--

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Jute Manufactures Corporation Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentiond at (1) above.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2607/99)

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:--

(i) (a) Forty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentiond at (a) above. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2469/99)

(ii) (a) Forty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.